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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination and is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 6, 2004. That Office Action set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. With a request for extension of time of three months, the RCE and this amendment is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this amendment.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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